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JOINT COMMITTEE OF ACP-EEC LOME, DECEMBER 1-3, 1976

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1. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED AIRGRAM ON ACP-EEC MEETING, SUMMARY OF
WHICH FOLLOWS:

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE ACP-EEC TOOK PLACE IN LOME DECEMBER 1-3,
1976. THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH
OF THE 49 COUNTRIES MATCHED BY 49 DELEGATES FROM THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT. (SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, CAPE VERDE AND PAPUA NEW
GUINEA, WHO ARE SEEKING MEMBERSHIP TO THE LOME CONVENTION,
EACH SENT AN OBSERVER.) COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS WERE ON: THE
REPORT BY LORD REAY (BRITISH) ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERIM
COMMITTEE OF THE ACP-EEC; IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:
PEANUTS, SUGAR, BANANAS, BEEF, VEAL AND RUM; STABEX; AND INDUSTRIAL
FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. NO MOMENTOUS DECISIONS WERE
EXPECTED OR MADE, BUT PARTICIPANTS FELT THAT A NORTH-SOUTH
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CONSULTATIVE PROCESS HAD BEGUN AND THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE
FIRST 21 MONTHS OF THE LOME CONVENTION WAS KEPT GOING. DELEGATES
APPEARED GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE LOME CONVENTION IS WORKING
AND MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD THE GOAL OF A NEW WORLD
ECONOMIC ORDER.

2. FOR DETAILS OF MEETING AND TEXT OF FINAL DECLARATIONNI CLOSE
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